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[Project No. 5867-053]

Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process: Alice Falls Hydro, LLC

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- b. Project No.: 5867-053
- c. Date Filed: September 28, 2018
- d. Submitted By: Alice Falls Hydro, LLC
- e. Name of Project: Alice Falls Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On the Ausable River, in Clinton and Essex Counties, New York. The project does not occupy federal lands.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Applicant Contact: Michael Scarzello, Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC, 116 N. State Street, Neshkoro, WI 54960-0167; (973) 998-8400; e-mail michael.scarzello@eaglecreekre.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Monir Chowdhury at (202) 502-6736; or e-mail at monir.chowdhury@ferc.gov.
- j. Alice Falls Hydro, LLC (Alice Falls Hydro) filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on September 28, 2018. Alice Falls Hydro provided public notice of its request on September 22, 2018. In a letter dated November 27, 2018, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Alice Falls Hydro's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation

Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

- 1. With this notice, we are designating Alice Falls Hydro as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- m. Alice Falls Hydro filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (http://www.ferc.gov), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the Keeseville Free Library, 1721 Front Street, Keeseville, NY 12944.
- o. Alice Falls Hydro states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 5867. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 30, 2021.
- p. Register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

DATED: November 27, 2018

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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